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Title: **WIPER BLADE PROVIDED WITH  
DETACHABLE BLADE RUBBER  
AND WIPER SYSTEM HAVING THE  
SAME**



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Group Art Unit: 1744

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Sir:

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Respectfully submitted,

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REFERENCE DESIGNATION

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EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS
		2005/0172443 A1 (Corresponds to WO 02/090155)	8/11/05	GENET et al.		
		6944905 B2 (Corresponds to WO 01/092073)	9/20/05	DE BLOCK et al.		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

TRANSLATION

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	YES	NO	
										Eng. Abstract
		JP-A-07-186893	7/25/95	JAPAN						X
		DE 10036 122 A1	4/25/02	GERMANY						X
		GB 2 106 775	4/20/83	GREAT BRITAIN						X
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OTHER REFERENCES (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

		Notification of Reason(s) for Refusal from Japanese Patent Office issued on November 28, 2006 for the corresponding Japanese patent application No. 2002-362549 (a copy and English translation thereof)
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